

## House Resolution No. 4524

**Whereas**, Agnes Gertrude Luebbering Strope of St. Thomas, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday with a special celebration on August 26, 2007, at St. Thomas Parish Hall; and

**Whereas**, on August 17, 1907, in St. Thomas, God brought a special gift to John and Katherine Wankum Luebbering with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Agnes, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

**Whereas**, while celebrating her birthday, Agnes Strope will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her marriage on February 15, 1927, to Henry Strope and the births of their offspring; and

**Whereas**, Agnes Strope has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include her children and their spouses, Bernice and George Pope, Leonard and Kathy Strope, and Dorothy and Clarence Berhorst; twenty-seven grandchildren; forty-two great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Agnes Strope further distinguished herself by keeping house for a priest for thirty years and by being a member of the Over Fifty Club and St. Ann's Sewing Circle; and

**Whereas**, Agnes Strope has enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the past century, a few of which include quilting, crocheting, needlework, reading, watching Wheel of Fortune, playing cards, and visiting with her family and friends; and

**Whereas**, while growing up, Agnes Strope hand-pumped water from a cistern; and she remembers when ice was cut in blocks from the river in winter, packed in sawdust, and stored for use in hot weather; and she walked three miles to school and back every day, carrying her lunch box and books; and she enjoyed having a large family, with eleven brothers and sisters; and

**Whereas**, Agnes Strope lived through the Great Depression and the flood of 1943, during which the waters of the Osage River came half-way up her kitchen walls; and she remembers people hiding moonshine stills in the cornfields during Prohibition; and she was thirteen years old when women gained the right to vote:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Agnes Strope at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Agnes Gertrude Luebbering Strope, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_

Representative Mark J. Bruns  
District No. 113

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Representative Larry D. Wilson  
District No. 119

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4524, adopted August 21, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker